

## Kanji Tattoos-A proud possession

Just like clothing and fashion tattooing a form of body art has also entered into the world of fashion and made separate position although it has been practiced by humans in some form or another for thousand of years. Gradually with time distinct tattoo styles have emerged from different cultures and sub-cultures throughout the world.

Kanji are the most popular Japanese symbols, especially for unique tattoo designs according to a recent tattoo survey. Each kanji symbol is an ideograph, so the whole character conveys a meaning or idea in a visually expressive way. Some symbols are unique, artistic and beautiful. Over the past several years, Japanese kanji symbols have gradually made their way into the Western mind, onto the body, and just about everywhere else just the same way as Japanese people love to use English symbols and phrases on T-shirt, logo or tattoo design. However, it is very sad to know that there are some people who mistakenly end up using the wrong Kanji symbols.

Most people who think about getting a kanji tattoo are under the mistaken belief that they can translate Japanese symbols directly from English into kanji. This wrong belief, improper knowledge and lack of awareness has led to an exploding number of people from getting wrong Japanese characters tattooed onto their bodies unknowingly and later regretting it after they discover that their kanji does not mean what they thought it to be. Therefore it is advisable to do some research and educate yourself on the different forms of Japanese writing and save yourself from being fooled into thinking that you can just look up a word in a kanji dictionary and expect it to translate accurately for the purpose of tattooing.

Kanji are not really a traditional Japanese tattoo but it is a style of writing practiced mostly by Japanese people that with time has become a popular form of tattoo. Though such form of tattoo is popular in the West but do not always make sense or impress the people who speak or read Japanese or Chinese fluently. So if you are deciding to get a kanji be sure that what you are getting done is something meaningful because of the fact that one word can mean two completely different things in Japanese language. And the only way to find an undeniably correct Japanese Kanji symbol for you is to consult with a Japanese translator to translate and design the Japanese Kanji symbols for you.

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